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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Present Owner: Robert Duncan & Clyde Lamond

Present Occupant and Use: Apartments

Description:

Brick with stone trim, Flemish Bond

Number of Stories: 3 ½

Historical Data:

Year of erection: Late 18th Century

Built for (first owner): Unknown

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Notable events and occupants:

This building is highly reminiscent of the scale and design of Jonah Thompson's residence and like it is a four-bay structure with a pair of matching arched doorways of Aquia stone. The building has been cut up and rearranged into apartments, but existing evidence indicates that the western doorway gave access to the staircase. At the third floor level is a fine archway in original condition. The designer made liberal use of Aquia stone in flat arched windows with keystones, sills, and steps. The structure has a gable roof, single dormer and end jarrapets. To the west, a two-story wing is set back from the street and enclosed with brick wall and wrought iron picket panel. Here a brick gateway capped with moulded Aquia stone, contributes a notable detail.

Research of this interesting building is incomplete. Insurance Records of the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia for 1815 indicate the property was insured by the Bank of the Potomac. It was for many years office of the Alexandria Water Works. During the Civil War the building was capitol of Federally occupied Virginia and the Western Part of the state which set up its Government independent of Richmond.

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